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## VINTAGE LICENSE PLATE BILL UPDATE

“After spending several years searching for a correct vintage Corvette, it was a tremendous disappointment when I was informed by the DMV that the original black and gold plates could not be assigned to the car. This ridiculous law almost forced me to sell the vehicle and abandon the project. While this Corvette would still retain most (not all) of its value, more importantly, it would have lost its intrinsic as well as aesthetic value.”

— Dennis R. Winer

National Corvette Restorers Society Member

### The Bill

AB 2058 Assistant Republican Leader Assemblyman Mike Briggs allows owners of vehicles from **1973 or earlier** to use “historical” license plates, such as the black and gold plates, with dates corresponding to the original year of registration.

### The Current Law

AB 2058 fixes a discrepancy in the vehicle code concerning vintage license plates.

Current law allows vehicles made prior to **1963** to bear vintage license plates. However these vintage license plates were issued up until **1974**. AB 2058 mirrors current law, simply changing the date.

### The Significance

Owners of vintage cars would like the ability to make their cars fully authentic. This bill allows such owners to use authentic license plates. Black and gold plates add to the appearance and value of historic vehicles.

### The Status

Currently, AB 2058 is in the Senate Appropriations Committee. From there, the bill goes to the whole Senate for a floor vote. If Governor Davis signs this bill, the law will be effective as of January 1, 2001.

### Am I Eligible?

The owner is responsible for finding correct “clean” plates. Vehicles that were manufactured **before or**

**in 1973** will be able to use vintage license plates if registration requirements are met. Application fees apply as with every special license plate.



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